Embankment on River Baitarani

7209. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Master Plan submitted by the government of Orissa for Double Embankment of river Baitarani is pending with the Union Government for approval;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be approved;

(d) whether the Union Government have instructed the State Government not to construct any new embankment an down-stream to Bhimkund till the master plan is approved; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) and (e). The State Government had prepared a flood control scheme of Baitarani system for post Bhimkund Project condition. As Bhimkund Project is yet to come up. State Government envisages preparation a Master Plan for flood control for submission to the Centre.

[*Translation*]

Manufacturing of Items in Bokaro Steel Plant

7210. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a total of 125 items were planned for manufacturing in steel foundry of the Bokaro Steel Plant in October, 1991 while only 68 items were manufactured and 57 items remained totally untouched;

(b) whether the chances of break down are more in the places when items are not manufactured as per demands and thus goods are purchased at higher precise;

(c) whether importing of these goods are being resorted to; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) In the month of October, 1991, 134 items were planned for production in the steel foundry of Bokaro Steel Plant. Of these, 112 items were produced and 22 items could not be finished during the months.

(b) No, Sir. Items are produces per plan anticipating the future requriements of the plant.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Misuse of Aircraft of Bokaro Steel Plant

7211. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI; Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether an aircraft is being maintained by the Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) of so, the circumstances under which the aircraft is to be used;

(c) whether it is a fact that the aircraft

has been used for private purposes and also by officials for Delhi tours;

(d) if so, the number of time the aircraft was used for private purposes and for Delhi tours by the officials during the last two years stating the expenditure incurred on each occasion;

(e) whether use of the aircraft for such purposes is allowed under the rules or conditions;

(f) if so, the conditions laid down for its use; and

(g) if not, the action taken by the Government to provident its misuse in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MIN ISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTHOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). A six seater aircraft is being maintained by the Bokaro steel Plant for use in urgent and emergent cirumstances. The aircraft can be used by the officiers of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) Government for official trips including to Delhi and it has been used accordingly. When the aircraft has been used for official purposes, on certain occassions, officers/family members have also used the vacant seats for private journey, with the approval of the Competent Authoirty, on payment of charges as laid down by the Company.

(d) to (f). In the years 1990 and 1991, the total number of trips, including to Delhi, made by the Bokaro Steel Plant aircraft were 209; 104 in the year 1990 and 105 in the year 1991. These were official trips and the aircraft was not used for exclusive private journey. As per rules, on some occasions when aircraft is used for official purpose, the officers/.family members can also use the vacant seats for Private Jowarnbey on payment of charges. The expenditure on account of operating cost of the aricraft is Rs. 4000/-per hours.

(g) Does not arise.

Agreement on working group in Energy with finland

7212. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement to set up a working group on Energy has been signed between India and Finland;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the modalities have also been fianlied in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Indo-Denish Pact on Power Front

7213. SHRI GEORGE FERNADES: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Denamark have emphasised the use of natural gas and other renewable energy sources to protect environment and prevent pollution as reported in the Hindu dated march 4, 1992;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made any efforts in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?